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12 November 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with Les Gelb, New York Times,  
11 November 1976

1. About 5:00 P.M. on 11 November I received a phone call at my office extension from Les Gelb of the New York Times. I had never spoken with Gelb before. My sole encounter with him was January 1976 at a meeting on China in New York at the Council on Foreign Relations. Gelb, however, referred to me by my first name with a certain accepted familiarity.

2. Gelb said he had a message from a Times correspondent overseas to the effect that the Russians were waving the latest Chinese message to Moscow saying it meant reconciliation. Gelb said he was skeptical and was thinking of writing his own piece on the subject. He asked for my views. I gave him a quick analysis of Chinese public statements on the issue of improving state-to-state relations. I expressed the view that although an improvement in relations was a distinct possibility, the evidence was not available to date. I also told him the Russians were mischievous on this score.

3. Gelb said he detected a difference between policy makers of State who felt that there was an amelioration in the making and analysts who did not see the evidence.

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4. I asked Gelb not to quote me in any context. He said emphatically he would not refer to me by name nor would he mention anything about intelligence sources. He then said somewhat testily "after all you were only commenting on public information and there shouldn't be anything secret about that."

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10 November 1976

Mr. Ed Johnson  
Public Relations  
Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce  
P. O. Box 1628  
San Antonio, Texas 78296

Dear Mr. Johnson,

In reference to your telephone call of today to my secretary, I am enclosing a biographic profile and photograph of Mr. Bush.

Mr. Bush is looking forward to meeting with your group on December 14, and if I can be of any other service to you, please do not hesitate to call me.

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Sincerely,

Andrew T. Falkiewicz  
Assistant to the Director  
of Central Intelligence

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To: ATF and a copy to OGC

Subject: Tom Braden phone call today 11-9

Tom called saying OGC had been in touch with him on clearing his American Heritage Piece,

He griped a little about this saying the piece had no security problems but then saying he planned to call OGC on it.

He then went on to outline the problem the CIA has with journalists. Saying how [ ] used to call Reston or someone like that to get the papers NOT to print very special stuff..He feels we are too sensitive now etc.

It was a friendly talk. I made the point to him that we had very different problems today than we used to in those good old days. He talked about the Marchetti book. I mentioned to him the Smith book and the problem we were having with people who were unwilling to give us thorough advanced looks at texts in accord with their security agreements.

The conversation lacked controversy but I was a little unclear as to why he called.

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Chairman of the Board  
Accuracy in Media, Inc.  
777 14th St. N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Irvine,

Thank you for your interesting letter and copy  
of the AIM report for October.

I am sure you will understand that the Director  
of Central Intelligence should not be in any way  
involved in any organization that seeks to influence  
the operation of the public communications media.

With good wishes.

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